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Docket No. B-3788DIV 621211-8  
Anticipated Classification  
of this application  
Class \_\_\_\_\_ Subclass \_\_\_\_\_  
Prior application: 09/427,978  
Examiner: Tim T. Vo  
Art Unit: 2189

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Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional  
application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior U.S.  
Application Serial No. 09/427,978 filed on October 26, 1999, of  
(1) Thierry TOUCHET for "BUS SYSTEM HAVING IMPROVED CONTROL  
PROCESS".

1. Prior Application

☒ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy  
of what is shown in my records to be the above-  
identified prior application (USSN 09/427,978),  
including 11 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims,  
1 page of abstract, the oath or declaration (3 pages),  
and 2 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-3) as originally  
filed. The attached true copy constitutes the above-  
identified divisional application (please also see 8 for  
drawing requirements.)

NOTE: Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) practice, signing and execution of the application by the  
applicant may be omitted provided the application is a continuation or divisional which  
adds neither new matter nor new inventors to the parent application, and a copy of the  
original declaration or oath from the parent application is supplied with the new  
application - 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(1)

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as attached therein are  
being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date September 26, 2003 in an  
envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, Mailing  
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2. Amendments

- [ ] Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- [X] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

NOTE: Only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered before calculating the final fee.

3. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION

Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
Total			\$750.00
Claims	16 - 20 =	0 x \$ 18.00	0
Independent			
Claims	3 - 3 =	0 x \$ 84.00	0
Multiple dependent			
Claim(s), if any	0 x \$ 280.00		0

- [ ] The fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

NOTE: If the fees for extra claims are not paid on filing they

must be paid or the claims canceled by amendments, prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the Patent and Trademark Office in any notice of fee deficiency.

Filing fee calculation \$ 750.00

4. Small Entity Status

- [ ] a verified statement that this is a filing by a small entity is attached.
- [ ] a verified statement has previously been filed in the parent application (37 C.F.R. § 1.28 (a)).

Filing fee calculation (50% of above) \$

NOTE: If a verified statement is filed within two (2) months of the date of payment of the first fee then the excess fee paid will be refunded on request. Notice of January 20, 1981.

5. Fee Payment Being Made At This Time

- [ ] no filing fee is submitted. This and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.

Enclosed

- [X] Filing fee \$ 750.00

6. Method of Payment of Fees

- [X] enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 750.00

- [ ] charge account number 12-0415 in the amount of \$

NOTE:

Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are

7. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required to Account No. 12-0415:
- [X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (filing fees and presentation of extra claims)
- [X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)
- [ ] 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b)).
- NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application, prior to paying... issue fee."
8. Drawings
- [ ] Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by (1) the applicant, (2) the assignee of record or (3) the attorney or agent of record authorized by 37 C.F.R. § 1.138 and before payment of issue fee.)
- NOTE: DO NOT check this box if prior case is not to be abandoned.
- [ ] Transfer the following sheet(s) of drawings from the prior application to this application
- NOTE: Transferring sheets must be cancelled in prior application 37 C.F.R. § 1.88
- [X] Drawings are enclosed (see true copy of prior application USSN 09/427,978)
9. Priority - 35 U.S.C. 119
- [X] Priority of application Serial No. 99410099.8 filed on 16 August 1999 in EPO (European Patent Office) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- [X] The certified copy has been filed in U.S. Application No. 09/427,978 filed on October 26, 1999.
10. Relate Back - 35 U.S.C. 120
- The Preliminary Amendment presents an amendment to the specification to relate this divisional application to its parent.
11. Assignment
- [X] The prior application is assigned of record to (1) Hewlett-Packard Company
- [X] Attached is the following number of Assignments: 1
- and respective new Cover Sheets. (Do NOT file old cover sheets.)
12. Power of Attorney

- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☐ A copy of the executed Revocation of Previous Power of Attorney and Reappointment is enclosed herewith.
- d. ☒ Address all future communications to:

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY  
Intellectual Property Administration  
P.O. Box 272400  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400

- e. ☒ An Appointment of Associate Attorney has been executed and is attached.

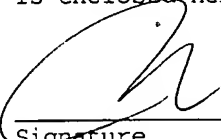
(May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record).

13. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

- ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_.

14. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

September 26, 2003  
Date

  
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☐ Assignee of complete interest  
☒ Attorney or agent of record  
☐ Filed under Rule 34(a)

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- postcard
- check no. 17770 for \$750.00
- Transmittal letter with Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (4 pages)
- Preliminary amendment (9 pages)
- True copy of parent application U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/427,978 consisting of: 11 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract, the oath or declaration (3 pages), and 2 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-3)
- Appointment of Associate Attorney (1 page)
- Claim to Priority (1 page)
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 (modified) (4 pages)
- Assignment document (1 page) with Cover Sheet (1 page), and check for \$40.00 to cover Assignment recordal fee

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